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CIA Chief Tenet: Threat info ‘most specific to date’

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — The information that prompted national security leaders to raise the nationwide threat level to “high” last week is the “most specific we have seen,” Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet said Feb. 11.

“The intelligence is not idle chatter on the part of terrorists and their associates,” Tenet told members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The threat level was raised in response to specific information that points to plots for terrorist attacks as soon as mid-February, in conjunction with the end of the Muslim holy period of Haj.

The plots involve two main areas, the United States and within the Arabian Peninsula and could involve “the use of a radiological dispersal device as well as poisons and chemicals,” Tenet said.

He credited improvements made in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with

providing an enhanced awareness of al Qaeda operations. In this case and others like it, he said, raising the threat level is the right thing to do for many reasons.

“Enhanced security that results from a higher-level threat can buy us more time to operate against the individuals who are plotting to do us harm,” Tenet said. “And heightened vigilance generates additional information and leads.”

Intelligence and law enforcement assets have made considerable strides in the war on terrorism. Tenet noted one-third of the top al Qaeda leadership identified before the war has been killed or captured, “including the operations chief of the Persian Gulf area who planned the bombing of the USS Cole; the key planner who was Mohammed Atta’s confidant and conspirator in the 9-11 attacks; a major al Qaeda leader in Yemen; and key operatives and facilitators in the Gulf area and other regions including South

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High on the chart

A High Condition is declared when there is a high risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the measures taken in the previous threat conditions, federal departments and agencies will consider the following protective measures:

- Coordinate necessary security efforts with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, National Guard or other security and armed forces;
- Take additional precautions at public events;
- Prepare to execute contingency procedures, such as moving to an alternate site or dispersing the workforce; and
- Restrict access to a threatened facility to essential personnel only.



Sgt. Oscar Martinez, a C Co., 3-15 squad leader from Brownsville, Texas, practices dismounts for the Good Morning America broadcast with his team Feb. 7 at Camp New York.

Heard it through the grapevine?

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

It’s been called many names — the grapevine, the little bird, your mother’s cousin’s friend’s fiancée’s sister — but a rumor by any other name is still just that.

Since deployment began, many concerned family members on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have been hearing all kinds of speculations about what could be happening to their soldiers, and often these are lacking a certain ring of truth. It’s been quite a chore for those here who do know the truth to set the facts straight, but they’ve been managing to do it, easing frazzled families’ nerves and getting the whole story out at the same time.

Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander, said one way the rumors start is when soldiers misunderstand the information they are given, such as one tale that the division would eventually be deployed to Kosovo.

No matter how they start, though, someone has to stop the misinformation from spreading.

Susan Wilder, deployment and mobilization stability specialist at the Army Community Service center, said some

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Groundbreaking to be held for new SSC

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new consolidated Soldier Service Center will be held at 9 a.m., Feb. 20, at the site across from the Marne Welcome Center.

The new building, scheduled for completion in August 2004, will replace the old welcome center and many of the World War II era buildings.

This SSC will consolidate all in-processing branches into one two-story building. The facility will contain U.S. Army Medical Activity, Dental Activity, Army Community Service, Transportation and Housing, Civilian Personnel Office and Adjutant General offices, said Judith Waynick of the Fort Stewart AG.

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ADC(S) gets first star

Spc. Adam Nuelken
Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — “This is a great day for me personally. It is merely a reminder that I represent those who got me here. Am I thankful for that? Sure. Are there a 100 other guys out there who are better than me? Probably. Am I fortunate to be here? Absolutely,” said Brig. Gen. Louis Weber, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.)’s Assistant Division Commander for Support, after he received his first star in a frocking ceremony Feb. 2.

Weber was pinned by Maj. Gen. James Thurman, operations officer, Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

“This is a special day as we are going to promote one of our true warriors to brigadier general. He’s

one of the finest individuals I know,” Thurman added. “He’s a great soldier, he’s a great leader, he’s a great husband, he’s a great father, and he’s a true loyal friend of mine. He’s clearly one of our best, and is going to be a tremendous general officer for our great Army.”

Thurman has served with Weber at many different assignments and held some of the same commands. “Bill and I have had the unique opportunity to work in some of the very key jobs in our career. We’ve had the opportunity to live in the same house. We’ve both had the opportunity to command the great Spartan Brigade of this division - ‘Send Me.’ We also had the opportunity to serve at the National Training Center together,” Thurman continued. “Bill and I have had many great times together, and we’ve seen some

tough times out there on that training center, on that desert floor. But there wasn’t a day that went by that we didn’t have the opportunity to laugh at each other, to smile, and not take ourselves too seriously. And I’m honored to have that experience.”

Before the ceremony was over, Weber emphasized that it wasn’t necessarily anything he had done to get promoted, but it was the efforts of the soldiers who worked for him and those who served before him.

“I want to thank those who are with us today, those who have come and gone, done their time and moved on, they’ve all been responsible for where we are as an Army today,” he said.

“A great soldier once said, ‘soldiers made me a general.’ That’s a direct quote from a great American,” Weber said. “That comment had a lasting impact on me because it’s true.

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Unexploded ordnances pose danger to deployed soldiers

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Since the beginning of Desert Storm, hundreds of mines, bombs, and rounds have been placed, dropped and fired in the region of Kuwait and Iraq. Many still lie dormant, deteriorating, and possibly becoming even more dangerous.

"If you didn't place it there, don't touch it," said Staff Sgt. Jason McClintock, a 707th Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leader from Bloomington, Calif. "I can't express to you how inherently dangerous (unexploded ordnance) are."

McClintock was speaking to a group of soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) during a UXO awareness class Feb. 5. Members of the 707th regularly teach classes at unit request. The classes include explosive ordnance recognition, minefield classes, vehicle search classes and identification of suspicious packages.

In Iraq, there are over 2,000 known minefields in the north alone. But many of the pictures shown during the class were taken in Kuwait, primarily at Udairi Range.

"Everybody fires downrange at Udairi," said Sgt. William McClary, a 707th EOD team member from Franklin, Iowa. He said if ammunition fails to function, no one picks it up. It's still waiting down there to explode.

McClintock explained that minefields are not the only dangerous items in the desert and that just because a munition fails to explode when it's originally used, doesn't mean it can't explode later. Many items are inactive for a long time, waiting to be triggered.

"There are a lot of UXOs to be aware of," he said. The definition of a UXO is something that failed to function as designed. "Therefore it creates a more inherent danger."

Dangerous ordnance can fall into four categories, McClintock said: items that were placed, items



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

Staff Sgt. Jason McClintock, a team leader from the 707th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Co., explains the dangers of unexploded ordnance to the soldiers of HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) during a UXO awareness class Feb. 5. The class included explosive ordnance recognition, minefield classes, vehicle search classes and identification of suspicious packages.

that were thrown, projectiles and bombs.

Items that were placed include anti-personnel and anti-vehicle mines. He said anti-personnel mines are especially harmful. "Anti-personnel mines are not designed to kill. They are designed to maim — to take off an arm or a foot."

Thrown items include any types of grenades. "Smoke grenades are just as hazardous as hand grenades," McClintock said.

"They have an explosive pyrotechnic ignitor. That stuff is going to burn you," he explained.

Projectiles include mortar

rounds, rockets, guided missiles and rifle grenades. Bombs are any items dropped from an aircraft.

The class included extensive procedures soldiers should follow when they come upon UXOs. Information on how to probe their way out of a minefield and what to do when a vehicle convoy comes upon a minefield was also included in the instruction.

McClintock said when soldiers find any kind of UXO, they should, "Stop, get a good mental image, and walk away."

He said soldiers should never try to mark a UXO by placing a

flag right next to it. Some ordnance require less than an ounce of pressure to set it off and some even have magnetic fields. A flag could blow over in the wind and disturb the ordnance.

A flag should be placed at least a length and a half away, and the soldiers should report to EOD using a nine-line report. The soldier should be at least 100 meters away from the item, McClintock said.

A nine-line report includes information such as date and time, reporting activity, unit identification and grid coordinate of the

UXO, contact method (radio frequency, call sign), type of ordnance, nuclear biological or chemical contamination, resources threatened, impact on mission and protective measures taken.

Recommended priority should also be included — immediate, indirect, minor or no threat.

"The exactness that you can give these reports benefits us a lot," McClintock said.

McClary said soldiers inquiring about or reporting UXOs should call the division tactical operations center, which will in turn contact EOD.



30mm rounds that could be found in Kuwait. Since the beginning of Desert Storm, hundreds of mines, bombs, and rounds have been placed, dropped and fired in the region. Many still lie dormant, deteriorating, and possibly becoming even more dangerous.



A Humvee that was driven over an anti-tank mine in Bosnia. To prevent any such damage to soldiers and equipment in Kuwait, EOD soldiers give classes on how to spot unexploded ordnance.



A soldier holds an example of a 'dangerous ordnance,' which are sorted into four categories: items that were placed, items that were thrown, projectiles and bombs.



A soldier holds a 'dead' explosive during an EOD class.

3220th GSU: Ready, willing to support families, mission of 3ID

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

From palm trees to pine trees, when Fort Stewart needs help, the 3220th U.S. Army Reserve Garrison Support Unit (Fort Stewart) is called upon to assist, because even though almost the entire 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) has been deployed to Kuwait, work remains and the 3220th is here to help.

“(Because of the 3220th GSU) the installation will be able to remain a power projection platform,” said Col. Gerald Poltorak, Installation commander.

Although the 3220th is assigned to West Palm Beach, Fla., it drills soldiers from places as far away as Long Island, N.Y., Detroit and Tennessee. The variety of sections and opportunity’s to advance, help to attract such a diverse group, said Col. Edwin Marrero, Fort Stewart chief of staff.

“Soldiers and officers of the 3220th are the most talented people I’ve had the pleasure to work with,” stated Col. Bernadette Peters, commander Fort Stewart troop command, who has been with the 3220th for four years.

“3220th Garrison soldiers represent a slice of America, transplanted from Southern Florida to the Hinesville community,” Marrero said. “While here, the 300 activated reservists will support soldiers and families and become

honorary members of the surrounding community.

“The 3220th is one of 19 Army Reserve Garrison Support Units assigned to respective installations worldwide,” Marrero said.

The 400 soldiers assigned to the 3220th, stationed in West Palm Beach, has a mission of replacing deployed active-duty soldiers.

“3220th Directorates and sections interface with the various directorates, sections and agencies that support Fort Stewart and Hunter,” Marrero said.

“During peacetime, unit members work with and maintain communications with counterparts to remain current on policies, practices and procedures,” continued Marrero. “Every year a segment of the Garrison is working with KFOR, SFOR and other missions.”

The soldiers and officers of the Garrison accomplish this through their annual training missions.

“Since Sept. 11, the GSU has continuously provided a large number of reservists that are activated to support installations deploying active units,” Marrero added.

Soldiers of the 3220th work in every level of staff directorates; adjutant general, security, training, logistics and computer operations, as well as staff judge advocate, public affairs, military police, ground ambulance, inspector general, chaplain and troop command.

In fact, since the Jan. 10, activation, the 3220th Garrison has made up a large part of the Fort Stewart and Hunter organizational operations.

The original mission of the 3220th was only to augment Fort Stewart and Hunter, however, since the mobilization, it has been given a “twist,” Peters said.

“This time we’ve come up to support the 3rd Inf. Div.,” she said.

“(When the 3rd Inf. Div. left for Kuwait) they needed to take everyone with them,” said Poltorak.

The active-duty personnel took the communications with the XVIII Airborne Corps and now the 3220th GSU is the point of contact for the 3rd Inf. Div. at Fort Stewart, he said.

It is because of this change that soldiers of the 3220th GSU have been designated to work for a wide range of sections and directorates that in some cases have nothing to do with their Military Occupational Skills.

“They’ve taken on tasks they didn’t think they’d be executing,” remarked Poltorak. “I’m impressed with the soldiers and leaders of the 3220th!”

The high level of motivation that soldiers and officers from the 3220th GSU have, combined with their great flexibility have made the near about-face in mission objectives a smooth, nearly flawless transition from their expectations, said Poltorak.

The soldiers of the 3220th GSU have even more tasks.

“The reservists also augment installation activities in managing the surge of transitioning Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers,” Marrero said.

They can be observed working at Soldier Readiness Checks, the Common Tasks Training site and almost anywhere else that soldiers are in processing or out-processing.

The soldiers of the 3220th accomplish so much here that many active-duty soldiers can’t even tell that they’re in the Reserve, Peters said.

“That’s why we wear the 3rd ID patch,” said Peters. She explained that she was at a staff meeting and someone asked, “Where are the 3220th people?” Nine people raised their hands and the person didn’t even know they were in the Reserves, because they had harmonized so well with the permanent party at Fort Stewart.

As it turns out, when the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency assigns a universal garrison patch, the soldiers from the 3220th working for the 3rd Inf. Div. will still wear the Marne patch on their shoulder.

Since the activation, the sense of welcome and appreciation that the soldiers have received has made the transition for the soldiers easier. Support from families of soldiers and the Hinesville civilian community is a big help to the 3220th Garrison.

“By doing so, they contribute to our nation’s efforts in the global war on terror,” Marrero said.

Reservists of the 3220th GSU are on active-duty orders and will be stationed at Fort Stewart for 365 days. They will continue to support Fort Stewart, Hunter, and the 3rd Inf. Div. until presence of the 3220th is no longer required, in order to keep them mission capable.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Spc. Robin Parker, a medic from the 3220th GSU, explains to soldiers under the 99th Regional Support Command vaccination procedures.

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CG: FRGs, rear det. lifeline for information

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army
Airfield commanding general

Our ships are coming into the port and the division is working hard to unload equipment, get soldiers out to the desert, to check and exercise systems. Soldiers are settled in their camps and life is developing a normal cycle. Our emphasis is on organizing, equipping and training the division to be ready if the president should call.

Training continues at a fast pace throughout the Brigade Combat Teams. Task Force 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry and TF 1st Bn., 30th Infantry from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team are going through urban warfare training, and trench and bunker clearing. In the 1st BCT, TF 2nd Bn., 7th Infantry began urban warfare training this week and TF 3rd Bn., 7th Infantry, is completing their maneuver live fire exercise on Udairi Range. Tanks from 1st Bn., 64th Armor and 4th Bn., 64th Armor have zeroed their guns and screened ammunition to ensure accurate, direct fires. The cannons and rockets of Division Artillery have been booming in the distance day and night. Today, Marne Thunder will mass their guns on Udairi in a massive display of firepower. Such are the sounds of freedom.

Media continue to have an interest in the Marne Division, and we are eager to show everyone our great soldiers and capabilities. Last Thursday, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team hosted Harry Smith and The CBS Early Show on Camp New Jersey. The Spartan Brigade

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hosted Diane Sawyer and Good Morning America Friday on Camp New York. Both broadcasts were very successful events that highlighted the professionalism of our soldiers while also showing their very human side. Fox News Channel's Brian Kilmeade, co-host of the morning show Fox & Friends, is currently here and will air segments from Kuwait through Friday from Camp New York and Camp Pennsylvania.

Media are also embedding on a short-term basis with our units on training exercises. Unfortunately, on occasion, some of the media have proven irresponsible with information they have gathered from soldiers and printed rumor and speculation as fact. We expect media to be responsible and verify with senior leaders banter overheard from soldiers. Our senior leaders are very accessible to the media to answer questions or clarify information gathered while embedded with troops. If you find that information read or heard in the media is vastly different than what family readiness groups are reporting, please call an FRG leader to begin sorting out the truth. There is no advantage gained by providing you false information.

Recent comments printed in the Christian Science Monitor that some units have moved Feb. 5 to their tactical assembly areas, and that mail and other



correspondence will cease shortly, are greatly exaggerated and downright false. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) has not received any other orders than to deploy to Kuwait and train. We are not aware of any scenario that would cause mail delivery to cease entirely. I'm sure it may come as a surprise to the Christian Science Monitor, but we are fairly confident that all our units are safely in their camps, reading their mail and training hard to be ready as President Bush asked.

Our family readiness groups and rear detachments are the lifeline for information, services and often, emotional support. We were heartened to see that in a recent survey, the vast majority of families planned to remain in the local Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield area while the division is deployed. I believe out of 400 families surveyed, 398 said they would be staying. This is clearly a testament to the hard work of the Garrison staff and unit volunteers. Having great communities in the Coastal Empire who care very much for our soldiers, is an added blessing.

With the passing of each day, it's safe to say that one of our Marne soldiers has missed a special day in their life or the lives of their family. Missing special moments is tough on everyone. Our thoughts are never far from our family and friends, and with Valentines Day approaching, family and friends are not far from our hearts. Marne soldiers know their loved ones are safe at home because we are here prepared to defend them and the ideals that make our country great.

"Rock of the Marne!"

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE
Readers respond to the question:
What was the toughest part of adjusting to active duty?



"Being away from your family."

Cpl. Kelley Martinez
1st Bn. 124th Inf.



"Living in an 8' x 9' room with another person."

Spc. Cindy DeWitt
7224th MSU



"People losing my paperwork."

Pfc. Deborah Oge
3220th GSU



"Not seeing my family."

Sgt. Zoilo Castano
741st Postal Co.



"Waking up early!"

Spc. Jenny Nunez
743rd Maintenance Bn.



"I was prior active duty eight years ago, so I'm not used to the changes in the active Army."

Staff Sgt. Rose Brown
3220th GSU

2003 President's Day safety message

Col. Gerald Poltorak
Installation Commander

Each February our country sets aside one day to honor those men who have served it as its "first citizens." It is also a time for all of us to celebrate and reflect on the true meaning of what it means to serve America and to be an American. Thank you — soldiers, civilians and family members of our Marne team

— your daily service to this division, installation, and our continued ability to support our nation's policies, allowing all Americans to reap the benefits of freedom.

Whatever your plans for this extended weekend, I ask each of you to keep safety firmly fixed in your minds. The Marne Division and Fort Stewart have done well integrating Risk Management procedures into mission plans and operations. I urge each of you to use these

same Risk Management techniques to identify, assess and control hazards associated with your off-duty activities over this long weekend.

The risks associated with privately owned vehicle operations increase during all holiday travel periods. The primary cause of crashes is behavior commonly known as aggressive driving. We increase our own risk of experiencing a vehicle crash through lack of courtesy, breaking rules or angry dri-

ving. I ask each soldier, civilian and family member is to minimize these risks through personal recognition and control of aggressive actions. I am convinced that through Personal Risk Management we can reduce POV accidents throughout the Marne Family.

Together we can make this an "ACCIDENT-FREE" celebration for the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

PX is no Bloomingdale's

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

I was at the chow hall today and I found myself trying to explain to the help, how soo-kah yakee is spelled sukiyaki. By the time I realized that, because it wasn't, it didn't matter, I was wasting my time.

No, life on active-duty is not quite what I had expected. To be perfectly honest, I never thought I'd be on it to begin with. But, in a Camus-esque twist of fate, a social-elitist like myself is now a buck sergeant at the army's premier power projection platform, and my first day at Fort Stewart taught me a lot.

I learned about the "Marne Standard" and found out Chanel sunglasses are not. Fort Stewart's finest instructed me that "just tapping your brakes" at a stop sign is a no go and when I hear a cannon go off at 1700, I should run inside the PX as fast as I can. I also found out that taking a dip doesn't mean going swimming.

Being in the south is new to me. I come from a place much different than this, where we spend summer in the Hamptons, winters in Miami and Saturday nights in "the city."

Good restaurants typically have the words "Nobu" or "Mesa Grill" in their name, we find Howard Stern funny and we put Hillary Clinton in the Senate. Blue jeans are better when they cost \$150 and the pizza is out of this world. Not to mention, every one I know agrees that spending a vacation at a lake is just not feasible unless it has the London Bridge. Christmas means nothing to me, but going to the movies and eating Chinese

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food.

In fact, when my parents' friends find out that I am in the army, the typical response is "Why would he join the army?" rather than "You must be very proud!"

My lugubrious account began with phone calls from various family friends offering to "take care of this for me if I didn't want to go."

I didn't want to go.

Like all nice Jewish boys from Long Island, I want to finish college and go to law school so I can make lots of money.

But I couldn't just let myself get out of this purely because I'm more privileged than most.

After all, I wouldn't have been called up if I weren't needed, and although I never wanted to be mobilized, I knew it was always a possibility from the day I signed up.

This has been a very positive experience, so far, that I am proud to be a part of. Sure it's not Long Island, and Taylor's Creek is no Bethpage Black, but I can honestly say that I am glad to gain an experience so valuable, and be able to write a screenplay and make much money from my misadventures, that I will be able to look back upon.

It isn't an easy transition to be immersed in so much soldiering so quickly, but all of the reservists and I are trying our best to make "you guys" proud.



Correction

The Frontline would like to apologize for not including the following children on the Diamond Elementary School Honor Roll. Adam Hornback is on the 2nd Grade A Honor Roll and Zoey Hornback is on the 3rd Grade A/B Honor Roll.

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Guradsmen vie for coveted Seminole Stakes

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

It was a cold, rainy day, but that didn't stop members of the Florida National Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade from competing in their annual "best squad" competition, the Seminole Stakes, Feb. 4.

Having been recently mobilized, the Guardsmen took their competition to Donovan Parade Field.

"It's a battalion-wide competition to determine who's going to be the best squad, weapons, rifle and mortar," said Sgt. Maj. Raymond Oliver, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment.

The competition took up most of the day and most of the soldiers' energy, but as indicated by much cheering, these soldiers were motivated.

"This is for all the bragging rights," said Capt. Vernon Dohmann, 53rd Brigade public affairs officer.

"We have eleven tasks they will have to execute," said Oliver, "culminated from all of the common tasks."

The soldiers competed at a range of stations, some as simple as low-crawling to others as complicated as operating an M256 Chemical Agent Detector Kit. The other stations that the squads competed at were throwing grenades, determining a grid coordinate, assembling and disassembling weapons, reacting to a chemical attack, administering first aid, and transporting a casualty.

The squads were timed, but proficiency was also scored so that squads couldn't just "run through" the stations without proving that they were in fact the best and not just the fastest.

To keep things fair, soldiers' tasks were rotated.

"This is best squad, not soldier," Oliver stated.

Aside from bragging rights, the commander of the 53rd Bde. will formally recognize the winners of the competition as the best squad. The squad will also be given Seminole Arrowhead Coins.

"But that's not what it's about," Dohmann said. "They want to be the best."



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

A squad from the 124th Infantry Regiment, Florida National Guard, move out to their next station as their platoon sergeant cheers them on.

Threat of war increases importance of NBC training

Spc. Jacob Boyer
Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Gas! Gas! Gas!

With the possibility of war looming over the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), honing these skills takes on a new urgency. Tasks that can sometimes seem routine and boring can become matters of life and death.

Facing the threat of weapons of mass destruction, the Marne Division has been focusing on its nuclear, biological and chemical warfare training.

“All NBC training is important because it’s a situation we could face at any given time,” said Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Reid, division tactical operations center noncommissioned officer in charge. “It’s like an insurance policy to save lives.”

The NBC staff at the DTAC has trained soldiers on a variety of tasks, from donning their protective masks to skin decontamination, said Reid, a

Chicago native, who is responsible for setting up training for the DTAC’s soldiers.

“We try to cover all the bases so the soldiers can cover themselves and their buddies at the same time,” he said.

Recently, the DTAC staff trained soldiers on how to operate a patient decontamination area.

Soldiers took “patients” through the different stations they would go through if they had to be decontaminated before being treated on a chemical battlefield.

“It was just as good as all of the training we’ve received out here,” said Staff Sgt. Mike Rodgers, HHC, 123rd Signal Battalion, information systems operator.

“They simulated something almost to perfection as far as what to expect and what to do,” he explained.

In addition to learning how to react to these hazards, it is also important for the soldiers to be prepared with the proper equipment,

Reid said. Soldiers have participated in mission oriented protective posture gear exchanges, pressure tests on their protective masks and cleaning their masks.

“We’ve been getting feedback from the soldiers that come to the classes, and they say they do get something out of the training,” Reid said.

“My staff and I are not here to waste our time, so I hope they’re taking it to heart,” he added.

Most soldiers are aware of the importance of the training they receive.

“Being here makes a big difference,” said Rodgers, a San Diego native. “The writing’s on the wall, and people are taking this stuff very seriously. Nothing’s impossible here.”

“I hope it saves some of our lives,” said Pfc. Richard Brandon Littlefield, a command and control vehicle driver with HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. from Headland, Ala. “I’ve been trained, but I wouldn’t want to test

A group of soldiers lower a patient so her contamination level can be checked before she is moved to a clean area.



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Sgt. Tracey Rosser, Atlanta, decontaminates the skin of his patient, Pfc. Kristi Holmes, Madisonville, Texas.

Life support: MSB medics get gear ready

Medical teams load crucial supplies, ready to support 2nd BCT troops

Spec. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — “Tourniquet!” Sgt. Alejandro Pereyra, a medic for C Company, 703rd Main Support Battalion, yelled out.

“Pressure bandages!” Pereyra, of Guadalupe, Calif., called out.

Before moving out to support the different battalions of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, medics from the 703rd MSB inventoried and sorted their gear.

The tedious task of breaking into dozens of crates and getting all the equipment set took the unit about eight hours to complete. Once all the equipment is sorted, the medical specialists stock

five trucks with it.

“We are setting up these chests for our medical teams. If the main division goes forward, we roll behind them to support them in case anyone gets hurt - hopefully that doesn’t happen,” Staff Sgt. Samuel Bethea, treatment squad leader from Laurinburg, N.C., explained.

“If we set these up today, it doesn’t matter who gets what set because all of them mirror each other. Everybody knows where everything is in each chest.”

This also gives the medics a chance to make sure they have all the equipment needed to perform their jobs. Missing items could equate to a major loss.

“We’re taking care of patients, and if there is something that we don’t have when we need it, that patient could die. So it’s between life and death,” said Sgt. Jacqueline Swain, medic. “We don’t know who’s going out with whom or when, but we do have our teams set up just in case.”

The kits contain various items to include IVs, needles, oxygen, stetho-

scopes, catheters, medicine and bandages among a plethora of other medical items. “It’s a whole list of items that we have in each set,” said Swain, an Indianhead, Md., native.

On the battlefield and on a day-to-day basis, the medics’ job is crucial to survivability and support of the units.

“A medic’s job is probably one of the most important things on the battlefield because soldiers aren’t going to yell for armor when they get shot - the first thing out of their mouth is ‘medic!’” Bethea added.

“That’s what they’re gonna’ be yelling for, and when we get out there, we need

to know where everything is and what we need to be doing right there on the spot. There isn’t any ‘I went to class this many days, and I don’t remember anything.’ You need to know what you are doing all the time.”

To help maintain their training and readiness, the medical specialists will undergo training while in Kuwait apart from the hands-on training they receive doing their daily mission.

“We also do hip-pocket training - the regular training all soldiers should know. We do medical training on IVs, chemical decontamination, everything that we do with our job - we’ll pretty much train on,” said Swain.

“You have to know what you are doing. You can’t get into that position and say, ‘I don’t know.’ You have to be technically and tactically proficient,” she added.

The medics have sent out teams to support 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, and as more units move out for training, more medics will be joining them in efforts to preserve the force.

“We’re taking care of patients, and if there is something that we don’t have when we need it, that patient could die. So it’s between life and death.”

Sgt. Jacqueline Swain
Medic, 703rd MSB



Spec. Adam Nuelken

(Above) Spec. Zalina Jones (left), a patient administration specialist, and Sgt. Crystal Hoon, a medic, both of C Co., 703rd MSB look over medical items as they are called out by Sgt. Alejandro Pereyra (right), a treatment squad leader for the company.



(Left) Sgt. Crystal Hoon, a medic for C Co., 703rd MSB lifts a box of medical supplies during the inventory. The supply boxes contain IVs, needles, oxygen, stethoscopes, catheters, medicine, bandages and other equipment.

The medics had to sort the supplies into dozens of crates and then load all the equipment into the back of trucks. The organization and loading of equipment ensures the medics will have the supplies needed to care for 2nd BCT troops in the event of war. The process took the unit about eight hours to complete.

Joint forces prepare for worst to provide best care

Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel

CTG 51.8 / CPMF Public Affairs

CAMP PATRIOT, KUWAI — A joint-service American and Kuwaiti military force of more than 1,500 personnel recently participated in a mass casualty drill here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The drill was the culmination of weeks of training exercises designed to prepare the medical staff and support personnel for future operations.

“One of our primary goals is to test the response capabilities of the joint American-Kuwaiti Medical Center and its staff,” said Task Force 51 medical planner Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jerry Gardner, of Elizabethtown, Ky.

“We all prepare in our specific areas on a regular basis, and with close coordination and planning between the Navy, Marine Corps and Kuwaiti assets we can do anything that is medically required of us here,” Gardner said.

With a combined total medical staff of more than 30 people responding, the day-to-day operations of the joint medical facility quickly turned from sick-call and immunizations to field triage and treatment.

Gardner explained that the shift in operations was something that every member of his staff was prepared for. “We’ve organized teams based on the known assets we have on

hand. Our teams are comprised of sailors, Marines and Kuwaiti medical staff, as well as others from around Camp Patriot that will act as stretcher-bearers and masters-at-arms.”

Navy dental officer Lt. Andrew Huttula, triage officer for the response team, explained his role during the drill. “Triage is the evaluation of an individual’s health and circumstance, as well as to use that information in determining the urgency of care required. I’m here to serve in the most proficient manner and to provide the best triage possible — it will save lives.”

For the purposes of this exercise, the joint medical staff was confronted with a very real possible threat: falling debris from an intercepted, inbound missile. According to Navy Cmdr. James Gregory, director of trauma, five to 10 individuals were selected to act as casualties in multiple locations around Camp Patriot.

“The response teams and clinic staff have no idea what to expect or where to expect it,” Gregory said. “This is to test our communications and response; it wouldn’t be a very good test if we all knew what and where something like this was going to happen.”

Gregory, a reservist recalled to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, is a trauma surgeon in Champaign, Illinois.

Once the drill began and the mock casualties

arrived, all on-board reacted with the utmost professionalism. “It was rewarding to see all our assets pull together in such a fast and professional way,” said Navy hospital corpsman 2nd Class Shane Lane, a reservist from Kansas City, Mo., who played the role of an off-site responder. “Although we had some language barriers, the team-play between our Kuwaiti colleagues and our corpsman was excellent. There was very little question as to what we were there for and what we had to do in order save lives.” Lane is a member of Naval Coastal Warfare Group One, homeported at Imperial Beach, Calif.

The goals were to test response time and preparedness of the clinic. Lasting approximately one hour, Camp Patriot’s first test of medical response was considered to be a success by its staff and planners.

“All roles were covered, and while communications around the camp and the different commands could be improved, we have made significant progress in our ability to respond to mass casualty situations,” Gardner said.

Camp Patriot is the location for Commander, Task Group 51.8 (CTG 51.8). The joint command is comprised of multiple units from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard. CTG 51.8 is deployed to Kuwait to support the global war on terrorism and to prepare for possible future contingencies.



Navy Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel

Navy hospital corpsman 2nd Class Melissa Gornitzka, 27, from Warwick, R.I., accesses the simulated injuries of a shipmate during a recent mass casualty drill at Camp Patriot in Kuwait.

Soldiers, civilian identified in separate accidents

Staff Reports

Two soldiers and a Military Professional Resources Inc., civilian contractor were injured in separate incidents Jan. 26 and 28.

Staff Sgt. Marv Fleming and the civilian contractor were injured when a 25mm round exploded inside their Bradley fighting vehicle. Fleming was medically evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany with facial and hand injuries. He was afurther evacuated to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Silver Spring, Md., for additional treatment.

Fleming is part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) recently deployed to Kuwait as part of the president

repositioning forces to the region to support the war against terrorism.

The unit had just completed a four-day, three-night, live-fire exercise at Udairi Range when the accident occurred.

Also injured was a 42-year-old contractor from MPRI who suffered minor facial injuries.

Another soldier injured in a separate incident was Staff Sgt. Aaron Guss, a C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment soldier. Guss was shot in the abdomen during night live-fire training at Range 6 Jan. 28.

His unit was conducting squad-level training at the time of the accident and was struck with a single 5.56 mm round from an M16A2 rifle during urban warfare training. The protective

vest he was wearing at the time prevented further injury.

Guss received immediate medical attention by the battalion surgeon who was on the scene. A medical evacuation helicopter was immediately called while the surgeon stabilized the soldier’s condition.

Guss was transported to the Kuwait Armed Forces Hospital where he is in stable condition after minor surgery.

Range 6 is a Military Operations in Urban Terrain training complex. The soldiers were practicing clearing buildings that replicate structures found in a city or other built-up area.

The accidents are under investigation by the Division Safety Office.

Persons injured in Bradley incident:

Staff Sgt. Marv Fleming, 3rd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.)

42-year old construction worker from MPRI

Soldier injured during night live-fire training:

Staff Sgt. Aaron Guss, 3rd Bn, 15th Inf. Regt.

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TRICARE for mobilized reservists, family

Laurie Kemp

Winn Public Affairs Officer

The mobilization of reservists means a change in health care, for them and their families.

According to the TRICARE Management Activity, "members of the reserve component who are called to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE, the same as any active-duty service-member. Families of these individuals may also become eligible for TRICARE if the sponsor is called to active duty for more than 30 days."

And to help families in the transition from civilian to military life, TRICARE was able to pull a few strings; especially since 70 percent of reserve members don't live near a military medical facility.

"We waived the deductibles for TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra, as we'd done under Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia, to avoid undue financial hardships for reserve component families plans," said Stephen E. Isaacson, a health-care program specialist with TRICARE. "We also waived the requirement for nonavailability statements for inpatient care in civilian hospitals when family members of activated reservists live outside a mili-

tary treatment facility area.

"That was done so reservists' families who were already receiving care in the civilian market could continue to get that care and not be forced into a military treatment facility or network provider," he said.

According to Julie Lovelady, a health benefits advisor at Winn Army Community Hospital, reserve soldiers and families are getting acquainted with TRICARE policies before they start the mobilization process.

Every state has a TRICARE representative. When a reserve unit is called to active duty, the unit and the family members hold a briefing with the TRICARE representative. The families TRICARE needs are met in the reservists' home state unless the family chooses to move.

For more information about TRICARE in this region, call (912) 368-3048. More information about TRICARE is available at www.tricare.osd.mil or by calling 1-888-363-2273.

Editor's Note: *Eligible family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime if their sponsor is called to active duty for 179 days or more. Information for this article was contributed by Rudi Williams.*

Medical and dental for reserve component members, families

Special to The Frontline

Members of the reserve component who are called to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE, the same as any active duty service member. Families of these individuals may also become eligible for TRICARE if the sponsor is called to active duty for more than 30 days. To ensure family members are eligible for TRICARE upon activation, sponsors should register their family members in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

TRICARE for a Reserve Component Military Sponsor:

Members of the reserve component are entitled to medical care in any uniformed services military treatment facility for any injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. When activated for more than 30 days, members of the reserve component become eligible for TRICARE Prime. All care should be sought from an MTF or TRICARE network provider. When the sponsor is no longer on active duty orders, TRICARE eligibility ends; howev-

er, line-of-duty care may be received in a MTF for injuries or illnesses incurred while the sponsor was on active duty.

Members ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation and their family members may be eligible for transitional health care for 60 to 120 days, depending on their total active federal military service.

TRICARE for Families of Activated Members of the Reserve Component:

Family members of reserve component members become eligible for TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard on the first day of the military sponsor's active duty if his or her orders are for more than 30 consecutive days or if the orders are for an indefinite period. They also become eligible for the TRICARE Pharmacy Program and may have prescriptions filled at MTF pharmacies, through the National Mail Order Pharmacy, or at retail pharmacies.

Eligible family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime if their sponsor is called to active duty for 179 days or more. There are no

enrollment fees or co-payments for family members, but enrollment forms must be completed, and MTFs or TRICARE Prime network providers must be used.

Many reserve component families may have continuing relationships with providers who are not in the TRICARE Prime network. In these cases, enrolling in TRICARE Prime may not be the best choice — instead, using TRICARE Standard can be the most flexible and economical option, even though beneficiaries must pay a share of the cost of health care.

When the sponsor is no longer on active duty orders, families of eligible reserve component members may qualify for the Department of Defense Worldwide TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project if their military sponsor was called to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days in support of a contingency operation.

Editors note: *For the rest of this article see next week's issue of The Frontline.*

Information provided by www.TRICARE.osd.mil.

For TRICARE information see the website at www.TRICARE.osd.mil

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Illegal possession of pornography, possession of child pornography, wrongful use of government property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Failure to appear
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Failure to appear
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Two counts failure to appear
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old female, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Failure to appear
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 29-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Larceny of private property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 18-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Failure to obey traffic control device
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 22-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Operating vehicle without tag or decal, driving while license is suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Corporal, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speed too fast for condi-

- tion
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, consumption of alcohol by a minor, failure to maintain lane
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charges:** Speeding, 116/70, Driving under the influence
 - **Location:** Richmond Hill
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old female, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Simple battery
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Simple battery
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Criminal trespassing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 24-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Criminal trespass
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Criminal trespassing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Driving while license is revoked
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Criminal trespass, obstruction
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Obstruction
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private, 37-year-old female, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Larceny of private property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command

- **Charges:** Driving while license revoked, failure to obey a general order, driving on post suspension
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old female, Headquarters Command
 - **Charges:** Following too closely
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Speeding 77/55
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 55-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Speeding 77/55
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Driving on suspended license, no license on person, entering military property for unlawful purpose, violation of post suspension
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, open container
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** GS11, 47-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 25-year-old male, 24th Support Group
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian 20-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Possession of marijuana, entering military property for unlawful purpose, trespassing, wrongful use of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old female, Aviation Brigade
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Corporal, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Pembroke
- **Subject:** Chief Warrant Officer 3, Aviation Brigade
 - **Charges:** Improper start of a parked vehicle
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 40-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Larceny of private property
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private, 25-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 - **Charges:** Failure to appear
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Illegal possession of pornography
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old
 - **Charges:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

Army employee guilty of 68 conts of fraud

Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — A government employee was found guilty Jan. 24 of defrauding the Army of more than \$340,000.

Gilbert D. Benjamin, a computer specialist formally with the Army’s Communications and Electronics Command, known as CECOM, at Fort Monmouth, N.J., was found guilty by a jury in U.S. federal court in Trenton, N.J., on 68 counts of mail fraud and submitting false claims.

The Army’s Criminal Investigation Command and its Major Fraud Porcurement Unit took the lead investigating the case.

“As the lead investigative agency, both the Newark’s U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service worked very closely with us to put together a compelling case that contained significant evidence of Benjamin’s crimes,” said Special Agent Steven Mickelberg of CID’s Major Fraud Procurement Unit.

“I hope that this case provides a clear example to those who abuse their positions of trust and responsibility that we are looking for them and will hold violators accountable,” said Mickelberg. “The Army takes its stewardship of the taxpayer’s money seriously and doesn’t tolerate those who don’t.”

Benjamin was arrested in March of 2002, after extensive investigative efforts by special agents from Army CID and DCIS. The investigation uncovered evidence that Benjamin stole more than \$340,000 in goods and services from the DoD over a three-year period.

Investigators uncovered approximately \$128,000 in fraudulent charges tied to a scheme where Benjamin operated an illegal, pornographic web site. Agents also uncovered a \$221,000 loss where Benjamin resold computers he illegally ordered at the government’s expense and pocketed the gains.

Benjamin faces 51 to 78 months behind bars under Federal Sentencing Guidelines and an undetermined fine and restitution.

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New Soldier Service Center

There will be a groundbreaking for the new Soldier Service Center, 9 a.m., Feb. 20 in the area adjacent to the Marne Welcome Center, Building 251.

Gate closure and changes

Due to the decrease in traffic flow on and off of Fort Stewart, Gate 2 (Troop Gate/E. 4th St.) and Gate 4 (Bryan Village/Austin Rd.) are closed until further notice.

Also, no traffic cones will be set up to allow inbound traffic total use of General Screven at the main gate 5:15 to 7 a.m. during physical training. It will be normal traffic flow coming on and going off of the installation until further notice.

Warrant officer promotion board

HQDA has announced the Fiscal Year 2003 CW 3, 4 and 5 Promotion Board. The board is scheduled to meet April 29. The following are the zones of consideration for all grades:

- AV MOSs less 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, 1998
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Tech MOSs plus 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2000

Officers who will be considered by this board in all zones of consideration should immediately schedule themselves for a new digital photo. In addition to having the new digital photo posted to their files, officers will also receive two hard copies. These hard copy photos must be forwarded to PERSCOM in time for the promotion board.

For more information, call 767-3416 or 352-6296.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers to join the

ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Feb. 16 and March 23. Both combat and non-combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications). For more information, call 767-1857.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. We are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions. For more information, call 767-2197.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Fort Stewart at the following learning center locations, regardless of their specific unit:

- Main Education Center, Building 130, 767-8331
- Engineer Learning Center, Building 623, Room 144, 767-2905
- DISCOM and 123rd Signal Learning Centers, Building 729, 767-2652
- DIVARTY and 1st Brigade Learning Centers, Building 1237, 767-8543
- Marne Learning Center, Building 506, 767-2618
- Rock Learning Center, Building 206, 767-3398
- 2nd Brigade Learning Center, Building 520, 767-8353

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 767-6130.

GED classes and testing

Soldiers and family members may attend the GED Class at the Rock Learning Center, Building 206. Registration takes place the first Tuesday of the month, and meetings are held 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. The GED test costs \$45 for Army family members and \$55 for non-Army family members. For more information, call 368-7322

Hunter

Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Dec. 10. Each gate is down to one inbound and one outbound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Road This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The following will help expedite traffic:

- Ensure your vehicle is registered
- Get extended passes if authorized
- Avoid leaving and having to reenter
- The worst times will be during lunch hours noon to 1:30 p.m.

Army resume builder training

There is an Army Resume Builder Training class 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Distance Learning Center. This class is for anyone interested in learning how to create and submit a resume to the Centralized RESUM-IX Database by using the Army Resume Builder.

Hunter Club

Every Wednesday, the Hunter Club will be serving Grill Beef Strip Steak with Saut'eed Onions, Baked Potato, Side Salad, and Drink for \$6.50.

Lunch is being served at the Hunter Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Blue Plate Specials are offered weekly.

NCO and Officer Calls every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., except training holidays.

Catering is available for any function. The Hunter Club is open to the public. For reservations, call 353-7923 or 352-5270.

Commissary scholarship

Applications for \$1,500 Scholarships for Military Children are due at the nearest commissary by Feb. 21. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. The applicant must be planning to attend or already attending an accredited four-year college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003.

Applications are available at the Commissary or can be downloaded

from www.commissaries.com. For more information, call 284-3102.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a Pell Grant/Financial Aid Workshop, 3 p.m., Feb. 12 and Mar. 19, at the Army Education Center, Building 1290.

Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

11th Annual Golf Tournament

American Red Cross Savannah Chapter is hosting the 11th Annual Golf Tournament and Million Dollar Shoot-out 2003, Feb. 27 and 28 at Southbridge. Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 27 and 9 a.m., Feb. 28.

For more information, call 651-5309 or e-mail at Tournament web site www.tournevents.com/red-cross.

Learn basic automotive repair

The Hunter Auto Crafts is offering free classes 10 a.m. to noon, Sundays, through April 28. Learn to inspect tires, belts, hoses and brakes, learn how to check all fluid levels and how to rotate tires and replace brakes. For more information, call 352-6244.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 767-6130.

Winn Army Community Hospital

OB/GYN Appointments

To schedule an appointment, check on a consult or talk to a nurse in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, call 767-6633. The automated line will connect with clinic staff members who will schedule appointments and answer questions.

To speak directly with a nurse about medical concerns, call 370-5920. Alternate phone numbers for the Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN are 370-6017 and 370-6321.

Please keep in mind the automated line takes precedence over the alternate lines.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3 to 4 p.m. for children ages 6 to 9 and 3 to 4 Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

SFHC Consolidation

Soldier Family Health Clinic #3 will be consolidating with SFHC #1 Feb. 3. SFHC #1 is located in Building 701 on Divarty Road. For more information, call 767-7035.

Medical Threat Briefings

Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

"Take Care of Yourself" classes

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class will be 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at Winn. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle.

To register, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives

with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health-care services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments.

For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule a appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependent family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street.

For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Tobacco cessation class

The next Tobacco Cessation class will start Feb. 20. The class can help people who chew, dip or smoke.

This four-week class is available from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. To register, call 370-5071.

"Winn Delivers" videos

Expectant moms and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour." This video gives families a sneak peek at what to expect during and after delivery at Winn.

Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic or at the public affairs office on the first floor.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Marilyn O'Mallon is Tuttle Army Health Clinic's patient representative.

Her role as a patient advocate means that patients have someone to address their concerns and find resolutions to their problems. Her office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 352-5731.

W-2 technicalities can be taxing

Lt. Col. Stephen J. Berg

Staff Judge Advocate

W-2 forms are legal documents and therefore receive the same protection under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as all other legal documents. The release of a W-2 form to an individual not authorized to receive possession of it is a violation of the Privacy Act.

A soldier who executes a General Power of Attorney or specifies in a Special Power of Attorney that another individual may receive their W-2 form on their behalf will avoid a member of his unit or a member of the Finance Office from committing a violation of the Privacy Act.

Spouses that do not have a power of attorney have the following options:

They may wait until the soldier returns from deployment. Soldiers that deploy to a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area receive an extension to file their taxes. I.R.C. 7508(a). The extension gives the soldier 180 days after he or she returns from deployment to complete the filing of their tax return. Thus, soldiers who owe money are not penalized for not having their tax returns filed by April 15.

In addition, if they are entitled to a refund, the soldier will receive interest on their refund from April 15 until the date of filing.

They spouse may contact the deployed soldier and have them execute a power of attorney with the Judge Advocate in their area of deployment and send the original back home to the spouse. Legal Assistance attorneys and paralegals are available to the soldiers in their theater of operations.

The deployed soldiers may authorize the spouse to access their W-2 through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service MyPay Website by disclosing their access passwords.

Additional questions or concerns can be directed to the Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield Legal Assistance Offices at (912)767-8819/09 or the Marne Tax Center at (912)767-3909.

Rumors

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rumors include reports that mail and packages would not be delivered overseas after a certain date, that male soldiers would return from deployment sterile due to chemical and biological weapons, and that a war was starting on the 15th of February.

She said, "The mail rumor got so out of hand at one point that the post offices were not accepting packages. Even if the United States were to go to war, packages would still be shipped. I don't know who this information came from ... it did not come from the postmaster general."

Wherever it did come from, it didn't come alone.

"(The rumors) come all at once," Wilder said, "and the way we handle it is ... I go directly to the expert and find out what needs to be said, and then get that out to the families. We go to the source."

Another way of reaching families is Family Readiness Group meetings held regularly on Fort Stewart and Hunter. The FRGs allow family members to gather accurate information and not rely on hearsay, as well as deal with other issues they may be having.

"If (rumors about the mail) are causing so much anxiety," Wilder said, "there's something else. It's not just the mail ... I would talk to (the family) about what else is bothering

them."

"Our FRGs are phenomenal," she added. "There's no way we could handle a division-wide deployment without the support of our FRGs."

Still, misinformation can affect more than just those left behind.

"Rumors affect the morale of our soldiers deployed, too, and we need to keep that morale as high as possible," said Wilder. "Therefore, if you hear a rumor, squash it immediately, call ACS, your FRG leader or rear detachment, and we'll get you the right answer."

Something Wilder wanted to encourage families to do was, "Turn the television off. Pick up a book, take a walk, spend some time with your child. Get away from your television. Sitting in front of CNN or Fox News is not healthy. Get out and volunteer, or get active in your FRG."

Wilder said there was one message she wanted to get out to families.

"Don't believe everything you hear. If you hear something, call us. We'll get the answer for you. If it sounds a little far-fetched, it probably is, and if you haven't heard it from your rear detachment or your Family Readiness Group leader or a division representative, more than likely it's not the case."

Little birds can't talk, anyway.

Threat

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Asia and Southeast Asia."

More than 3,000 suspected al Qaeda operatives have been detained worldwide, with more than 100 countries involved in the captures.

"Al Qaeda's loss with Afghanistan, the death and capture of key personnel and its year spent mostly on the run have impaired its ability, complicated its command and control, and disrupted its logistics," Tenet said. "That said, ... the continuing threat remains clear: al Qaeda is still dedicated to striking the U.S. homeland, and much of the information we've received in the past year revolves around that goal."

More than 600 people around the world died in terrorist attacks last year, including more than 200 from attacks by al Qaeda. Terrorists struck tourists in Bali, Indonesia, and Mombasa, Kenya; U.S. Marines in Kuwait; and a French oil tanker off the coast of Yemen.

The director spoke of "disturbing signs" al Qaeda is regrouping in Iran, Iraq and the hinterlands along the Afghan-Pakistani border.

"We know from the events of Sept. 11 that we can never again ignore a specific type of country: a country unable to control its own borders and internal territory, lacking the capacity to govern, educate its people or provide fundamental societal services," he said. "Such countries can, however, offer extremists a place to congregate in relative safety."

Al Qaeda is likely to seek targets that will achieve multiple objectives, such as striking national landmarks, inflicting mass casualties and causing economic disruption, he said. But even if they don't find an opportunity for a major attack, the terrorists are likely to attack "softer" targets, or those with less security.

Al Qaeda is also "developing and refining new means of attacks," including using surface-to-air missiles, poisons, and air, surface and underwater methods to strike maritime targets.

"This latest reporting underscores the threat the al Qaeda network continues to pose to the United States," Tenet said. "The network is extensive and adaptable. It will take years of determined effort to unravel this and other terrorist networks and stamp them out."

SSC

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Once the new SSC is completed, the days of running from building to building, all over post will be over, said Waynick. She said that one of the best features of this new facility is that families can take care of their issues, while the soldier in processes.

"While the soldier in processes, the spouse can go to ACS or CPO!" Waynick said.

After completion, the old welcome center, once the Camp Stewart officers club, will be torn down, as will many of the other WWII buildings, such as ACS, said Waynick.

The new SSC is part of a new budget program, approved by the president and congress, to improve the quality of life at Fort Stewart, \$10.2 million of it being allotted to the SSC. Some of the projects include the new Troop Medical Center

and Post Exchange, Waynick said.

She also gives thanks to Rep. Jack Kingston. Kingston was very instrumental in helping the budget for Fort Stewart get approved by congress.

"He's been a big part of all of this," said Waynick

Although Kingston won't be present at the groundbreaking ceremony, many local dignitaries will be present, and Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander, will speak about the new SSC.

Immediately following the ceremony, the contractors will start moving in their equipment and begin construction.

The public is invited and soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians are encouraged to be present.

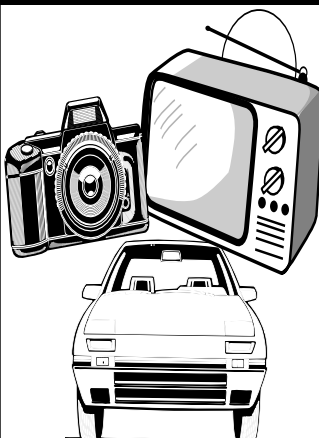
For more information, call Judith Waynick at 370-7522.



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An artist's rendition of the future Soldier Service Center.

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"Me & Sissy, I love her, but she only looks innocent, she pushed me down right after this."



"Me & Mia, I always look for her when I'm tired, it's my favorite place to sleep."

Dustin Kendall

It has been a great 1st year with you and we've enjoyed every minute!

We love you... Daddy, Mommy, Mia, Hunter and Tori

There's no place like home



Photos by Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Spc. Lisa Eaton of Hunter Army Airfield's 559th Quartermaster Battalion, reunites with son Gabriell after a seven month separation.



34 soldiers from the 559th Quartermaster Battalion returned to Hunter Army Airfield on the morning of Tuesday, February 4, from Qatar and Pakistan where they were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom since July 2002. Soldiers arrived by bus at 5 a.m. to be greeted by elated family members.



Stepping off the bus, 1st Lt. Adrian DeRyder embraces his wife, Carolyn DeRyder, who deployed Friday with Hunter's 603rd Support Battalion.



Maybe he'll grow into it ... Markel Kemp tries to fill the field jacket of his newly returned father, Staff Sgt. William Kemp of 559th QM Bn.

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On Post

Black History celebration

DISCOM is sponsoring a Black History Month Celebration at Woodruff Theater, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Feb. 20. Dr. Abigail Jordan, Gullah Festival, "2002 Woman of the Year," is the guest speaker.

For more information, call 767-5850.

Education Center

The Education Center offers free academic test proctoring services to Army retirees, soldiers and family members. Early registration and scheduling are critical. To register, see your education counselor or call 767-8331 for more information.

ASE exams

Registration for ASE exams has begun. Please see your education counselor to get signed up. Deadline to register is March 10 with the testing dates in early May. For more information or questions, call 767-8331 or 352-6130.

Black History celebration

DISCOM is sponsoring a Black

Support group

There is a Coping Support Group held 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the Winn Behavioral Health Clinic. For more information, call 370-6100.

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m. There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

2nd BCT FRG calendar

The following events will be held by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Family Readiness Group:

- Appetizer pot luck at the 1/64 classroom noon to 2 p.m. Saturday.
- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 25.

If you would like your FRG schedule to be included, email Casey Craig at casey-bcraig@coastalnow.com.

Blood Drive

There is an American Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 25 in the AAFES parking lot.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills. The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone. For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Off Post

Valentine's night child care

The YMCA is offering child care 5 to 10 p.m. Valentines night for children ages 1- to 11-year-old. The cost \$10 for the night.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

A Military 'Magic Kingdom'



Courtesy graphic

An artist's rendering of the waterfall at the entrance to the expanded Shades of Green Armed Forces Recreation Center hotel on Walt Disney World Resort.

Disney World's expanded, improved Armed Forces Rec Center Hotel now taking reservations

Harriet Rice

Special to The Frontline

ORLANDO, Fla. - Reservation lines are open for the new and improved Armed Forces Recreation Center hotel Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort.

Undergoing expansion and complete renovation since early last year, Shades of Green will reopen to welcome its first guests Dec. 15.

In addition to 299 new guest rooms, there is a new 500-space parking garage and 7,500 square feet of flexible special event space for reunions, weddings and other family-oriented social functions.

"We've already booked our first military wedding on Dec. 29 for 250 people," said General Manager Jim McCrindle, who can hardly contain his enthusiasm as he describes the features of the new hotel. McCrindle has been the general manager since the first stateside AFRC hotel opened in 1994.

"The excitement starts long before you get to the front doors because when you turn into the driveway leading to the front of the hotel, the first thing you see are beautiful waterfalls," said McCrindle.

"There are five waterfalls: a tribute to each branch of service. Each service flag is positioned at the high point of its waterfall and at the highest point of all above the falls, the Stars and Stripes and the MIA-POW flags fly," McCrindle said.

Another very visible difference is in the layout and theme decor. Existing rooms are one half of the hotel and the new rooms make up the other half. In the middle are the waterfalls and an expansive, new, beamed lobby done in a "Floridian Lodge" and water theme that is carried throughout all the public areas.

There are more suites. Instead of just one, there are now 11 suites. The small suites sleep six; the large suites sleep eight. More rooms conform to the specifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act. "We had handicapped accessible rooms before, but now we will have bona fide ADA-designed and equipped rooms with the wider bathroom doors and the roll-in showers," said McCrindle. Nine of the existing rooms were completely renovated to ADA standards.

All the rooms, existing and new, have old amenities such as ironing boards and televisions as well as new amenities.

"The existing rooms have all had complete makeovers: new carpet, paint, curtains, mattresses and bedspreads," said McCrindle.

All the rooms are exactly the same size and everything is brand new, so there won't be the situation when a guest checks in and says 'please don't put me in the 'old' part of the hotel.'"

**To make reservations visit
www.shadesofgreen.com
or call toll-free
1-888-593-2242**

For all that, room rates continue to be affordable for a hotel on the resort grounds. Rates are on a sliding scale based on rank. The current E1-E5 rate is \$66. That will go up \$4 to \$70.

"Within that 70 dollars are all the added features, which include refrigerators and television with wireless keyboards," McCrindle explained. Guests will be able to play games and order attraction tickets online from the ticket office. Internet access to check email will cost an estimated \$5.95 for 12 hours.

The existing restaurants were remodeled. There are four eateries, including a new Northern Italian-themed trattoria.

Guests will continue to enjoy two heated swimming pools, a kiddie pool, play area and tennis courts.

For golfers, the hotel is situated between two Walt Disney World Resort courses: an 18-hole championship course and a nine-hole executive course.

The gift shop has been expanded, and there is an onsite ticket and tours office where guests can purchase attraction tickets at military discounts.

The new multi-level garage is secure, well lit, and weather-protected. Guests can access the garage and hotel entrances with their room card key. Free shuttle bus service transports guests to and from Disney attractions

Due to its location and affordable prices, the hotel operated at or near 100 percent occupancy from the moment its doors opened. Guests who could not be housed at Shades of Green were placed in other hotels both on and off the Disney resort. Demand was so high that officials planned the expansion to accommodate the needs of service members.

Shades of Green is financially self-sustaining; no taxpayer dollars are used for operations. The hotel expansion is funded by a civilian commercial loan.

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is the Department of Defense executive agent that operates AFRC Shades of Green and the three other DOD AFRCs located in Bavaria, Germany; Honolulu, Hawaii (Hale Koa Hotel); and Yongsan, Korea (Dragon Hill Lodge).

AFRCs are open to DOD ID-card holders in all branches of the armed services: active duty, reserve components, DOD civilians, both military and DOD civilian retirees, and their families.

"We're accepting reservations for the new hotel right now," said McCrindle. "The best way to make a reservation is to use the web site. That way, you're guaranteed a response in 72 hours. And give alternate dates to your first choice." The phones tend to be overloaded, he added.

To make reservations visit www.shadesofgreen.com or call toll-free 1-888-593-2242.

Outdoor recreation finds new turf

Nancy Gould

DCAS

The Directorate of Community Activities and Services, DCAS, announces the relocation of the Equipment Checkout Center, now in building 8325 at the Holbrook Pond Recreation Area on Fort Stewart.

The center will move to the old DCAS parking lot, located by the Libby Auto Craft Center, in Building 1503 on 6th Street. The parking lot will be enlarged and fenced, to accommodate a small office facility and outdoor rental equipment, including rental campers, boats and canoes, a recreational vehicle storage lot, and storage shed rentals. The parking lot construction should be completed in May.

The Equipment Checkout Center's new location within the garrison area makes rental equipment accessible without the 13-mile round trip to Holbrook Pond.

Smaller equipment such as cooking utensils, chairs, grills, dunking booths, a moon walk and more, is still available at the Leisure Activities Center, in building 443 at the corner of Lindquist Road and Gulick Avenue. The Leisure Activity Center also has a travel office with discounted attraction tickets to area events, a matting and framing shop, and a ceramics shop.

If you have questions about the Equipment Checkout Center's relocation, contact Susan Chipple at 767-8609.

Army MGI B not transferable to family members

Nancy Gould

DCAS

The Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty, also called "MGIB" or Chapter 30, provides up to 36 months of educational benefits to eligible veterans for college, business, technical or vocational courses, correspondence courses, apprenticeship programs, job training and flight training.

Family members of active duty service members or veterans are not eligible for benefits, according to John Rizkallah, Director of the Education and Incentives Counseling Branch in Washington D.C.

Rizkallah said the Secretary of the Army, Thomas E. White, who has complete authority and discretion in this matter, has decided not to participate in Montgomery GI Bill transferability at this time. Secretary White may decide to offer family members those benefits in the future as a means of retaining service members.

The Air Force is now conducting a pilot study to determine how effective the transferability option is in retaining individuals with critical skills. For additional information about the Montgomery GI Bill, contact the Army Education Center, 767-833, or go to www.va.gov.

Wanted: Army Times 'Soldier of the Year' nominees

Special to The Frontline

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Army Times is proud to announce the third annual Army Times "Soldier of the Year" Award, presented by AT&T. Army Times will honor the Soldier who best embodies the finest qualities of the men and women serving in today's U.S. Army.

The award is designed to recognize a special Soldier who has shown unusual or heretofore unrecognized honor, valor and dedication to fellow Soldiers and the community during 2002. Army Times will honor this "everyday hero" of the U.S. Army, one whose efforts unselfishly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty, at a ceremony on Capitol Hill in May.

Maybe this Soldier is someone who jumped in to help out in a desperate situation or someone who has helped an important cause. The Army Times is looking for someone who is always ready to lend a hand, who sees what needs to be done and unselfishly does it, or that person who inspires and motivates others to be better people.

The award is particularly meaningful because the winner is selected from the nominations of soldiers themselves, the readers of Army Times.

Nomination details and ads are now available online at www.armytimes.com/soldier.

Army Times "Soldier of the Year" winner and honorable mention recipients will be announced in Army Times this Spring.

Nominations must include:

- * Name, address, commercial phone number & e-mail address of person making nomination.
- * Nominee's name, address & commercial phone number.
- * Nominee's current unit commander's name, address & commercial phone number.
- * In 300 words or so, please describe why nominee deserves this award. Make it legible.
- * Names and contact information of three people who can verify the achievements of nominee.
- * Nominees must be Active Duty, Guard or Reserve through Dec. 31.
- * Deadline for nominations is March 14.

Nominations may be sent:

Online: www.armytimes.com/soldier

Email: soldier@armytimes.com

Mail to: Army Times "Soldier of the Year" Award, Army Times, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, VA, USA 22159

Fax to: Army Times "Soldier of the Year" — 703.642.7325



From slavery to desegregation African Americans have battled for liberty throughout U.S. history

Information compiled by Natalie Schlotman
Staff Writer

African Americans have played a crucial role in each of the wars fought by American forces to ensure the continuing freedom and liberty within America's borders and abroad. A few names of the african american units — such as the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; the Civil War unit portrayed in the movie "Glory," and the Buffalo Soldiers in the 9th and 10th Cavalries; who fought as a protective force as America expanded West during the Indian Campaigns — are well known. However, there are countless other African American units that have stood up to defend liberty.

The American Revolution

The American Revolution began in 1775 and lasted eight years. During the early stages of the war, George Washington, Commander of the Continental Army, forbade the enlistment of Blacks who were free or enslaved. However, Washington learned that the Royal Governor of Virginia was enlisting Black slaves into the British Army with the promise of freedom to all slaves who joined the King's Army. The British tactic of enlisting Blacks led Washington to change his mind. As a result, African Americans — free, slave and ex-slave — fought side-by-side with white colonists seeking independence from the British.

War of 1812

The U.S. Congress declared war with Britain again on June 18, 1812. Blacks in America during that time were still enslaved and the established laws provided little protection. However, those blacks who were willing, able, or chosen to fight against the British for America's defense did so with valor. Blacks fought on both sea and land, in mixed regiments and in all colored regiments. The war ended with the signing of a peace treaty in 1814.

Mexican American War

In order to secure a fighting force for the Mexican American War, Congress authorized an enlistment of 50,000 volunteers. Blacks volunteered to serve in the war even though slavery was still a part of American life for many Blacks. Black soldiers who fought in the war felt they were mainly showing loyalty to their country by fighting for liberty. They served in the infantry, the U.S. Navy and many were company musicians.

American Civil War

The conflict between the states in the developing United States of America reached a boiling point concerning slavery and states' rights issues. Seven of the southern states decided to break away from the union in 1861. Jefferson Davis was named the president of the "new" Confederate States of America. Abraham Lincoln felt it was important to preserve the union of the states.

He knew something had to be done to preserve the union, so the American Civil War began in 1861. At first, there was resistance on both the confederate and union sides to accept blacks into the military.

However, the need for fighting men soon led individual states to swear in separate regiments of all black troops. Other blacks found acceptance as volunteers in semi-military or military support positions. In August, 1862 Blacks received the endorsement of Congress to fight in the war. Soon afterward, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, "freeing all slaves in areas still in rebellion."

The proclamation opened the door entirely for Blacks to participate in the war. In 1863 the War Department created the Bureau of Colored Troops to handle the recruitment and organization of all the black regiments.

One of those units was the 54th Massachusetts, which was portrayed in the movie "Glory." Twenty-four black soldiers were awarded the Congressional medal of Honor, and more than 200,000 African Americans served in the Civil War, and more than 38,000 blacks died.

Indian Campaigns and The Buffalo Soldiers

On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment took effect and slavery was abolished. As blacks were dealing with their new feeling of freedom, whites - mostly in the southern states - were putting up resistance to the advancement of blacks in America. Despite organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan who preached views of racism and domination against blacks in the south, African Americans would again come to the aid of America. As Native Americans resisted the White's expansion into the West and Southwest, The U.S. Government recruited both soldiers and scouts to protect the westward moving settlers. Black soldiers and scouts played important roles in the protective forces of the early western United States.

The most well-known Black group — the Buffalo Soldiers — was made up of the 9th and 10th Cavalries. The 9th and 10th Cavalries were former all black regiments from the Civil War. The soldiers were named Buffalo Soldiers by the Native American because of their reputation for relentlessness and courage.

Spanish American War 1898

When America declared war on Spain in 1898, Congress activated ten regiments of all black troops. However only four of the units saw combat in the short war. However, the war was a critical stage for the advancement of blacks in the military. To start, the Black-American units were able to use more trained black officers as commanders of their regiments. And, secondly, they were able to serve the armed forces on territory outside of the U.S. The bravery and sacrifices of black soldiers was becoming more recognized by prominent Americans, such as Theodore Roosevelt, who served alongside the 10th Cavalry Regiment and later became U.S. President in 1901.

World War I

Volunteers for the U.S. Military were widespread, but Blacks were still being reluctantly accepted into the larger body of the U.S. Military during the early 20th Century. Around the beginning of World War I, two major all black units — the 92nd and the 93rd Divisions were formed. The 92nd was made up entirely of black draftees. These black soldiers were not integrated into other all white units, and they were treated as segregated military units of America.

The 93rd was sent to France and fought side by side French troops. Despite discriminatory practices and segregated units, Black Americans proved their valor, and 1,300 were eventually commissioned and promoted to officers for their duty in World War I.

World War II

By the time World War II began, the U.S. military had developed into a major military complex. The military offered many positions, including infantrymen, navy men, aircraft pilots, nurses, tankers, engineers and officers. The military was also more divisionalized into different branches with specific performance guidelines for each. The Army, Navy, Army Air Force and the Marines all accepted black soldiers, but maintained restrictions on the duty blacks could perform. In short, the military was still segregated.

The Korean War

Equality in the military came for African Americans two years prior to the Korean War. President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9811 July 26, 1948. This policy was historic, and it called for "equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

In the midst of the Korean War, segregated units were eliminated. However, the new military policies did not eliminate all black fighting units in the Korean War, but it paved the way for the inclusion of both white and black soldiers into integrated units. By 1954, the last all black unit was disbanded and black enlistees were accepted without a quota system.

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

The antidote to our anxiety

Chaplain (Maj.) James W. McGill

Special to The Frontline

A person does not have to understand Webster’s definition of anxiety to know what anxiety is today. Many of our nation’s citizens today are living under much anxiety.

As we keep up with the current events of today, we know that much of this anxiety is coming from the looming possibility of war. Young parents are anxious about one or the other going off to war and not returning, leaving the one to raise their young children alone.

It could be simply a young mother being anxious about her unborn child ever knowing its father. In some cases, both parents could be deployed, leaving their children with the grandparents. Whatever the situation may be, anxiety is a condition which many people live with today.

While anxiety may not kill, I believe anxiety often causes many of the illnesses that do kill. It often leads to heart problems, depression, and other conditions that destroy the lives of people. The looming war with Iraq may be only one of the root causes of our anxiety. There is very little that the average citizen can do about the war.

However, there is much that we as a people can do about the war. There is also much that we can do about our anxiety.

Now, we as a people can pray and should pray for the leaders of our country. Regardless of whether we agree with their politics, or their ideas, they are our leaders. They have the responsibility of making the decisions that will protect the citizens of our country today and in the future. They can not bear this awesome responsibility alone. They need our support. However, more than our support, they need the assistance of a greater power than themselves. This assistance comes from God, and it shall

come through prayer. I believe in prayer. I have seen prayer work many times. I know that prayer can work now for the good of the American people and for all peace loving people.

Let us remember that Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew 18:19-20, “If two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Oh, what will happen when there is a whole nation praying for the same thing in His name. However, we must not forget that the Iraqi people are praying as well.

What shall we pray for? I believe that we should pray first for the will of God. Then I believe we should pray that the will of God is for peace. If peace is His will, as I believe it is, then God will provide guidance for the process.

We should not forget that we have access to the antidote for our anxiety.

First Peter 5:6-7 tells us “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”

Peter is encouraging his readers to be submissive to those who are in authority and to humble themselves before the same. Humbling ourselves under God’s powerful hands is the best way for us to experience deliverance from those root causes of our anxieties. It does not matter what the root causes of our anxieties are. God is more than able to deliver us from them. God cares for us. He wants us to trust in him with a firm, composed, and steadfast mind.

This means leaving our concerns, our worries, and our troubles about the possibility of war with Iraq in God’s hands. It means trusting God to assist our nation’s leaders in finding a livable solution to the conflict. It means trusting God that if, in the end, there is a war, all matters will be in his hands.

Pet of the Week

If you are looking for a feline, the vet clinic has several to choose from. You can choose from kittens or full-grown cats, many ages and personalities, all need a loving, nurturing family to live with. Most of them get along well with other animals.

If interested in adopting a cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Worship Opportunities		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday “Protestant Worship”	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Victory	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum’ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts closed
The Hunter gym's basketball courts are closed for renovations.

Tae Kwon Do lessons
Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults. Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Road in Bryan Village next to the shoppette. The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments
A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training
The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only. Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf course
Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Registration for girls sports
Registration began Feb. 1 for girls softball, T-ball, baseball and Track & Field. You can register your child 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fort Stewart CYS, Building 443. All sports are open to children of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians. All children must be a registered member of Youth services and have physicals and proof of age to participate in Youth Services Sports Programs. the cost is \$20 for the first child and \$18 for each additional child. For more information, call 767-2312.

Lifeguard certification
Fort Stewart's MWR program is looking for a few good lifeguards. Applicants must be 15-years-old and able to swim 500 meters without stopping. A free certification is scheduled for 2 p.m., Feb. 22 at Newman Pool.

Off Post

Military night at the YMCA
The 1st and 3rd Friday of each month are Military night at the YMCA. Show your Military ID and enjoy the Y free of charge from 4 to 10 p.m.

Baseball players wanted
If you are interested in playing baseball for a semi-pro baseball team, contact Art Lewis at 352-6749 or 767-6572, or James Simmons at 767-3031 or 369-3974. For more information, email simmonsh@yahoo.com

Half marathon
Registration has begun for the Hilton Head Island Half Marathon. The half marathon will be held 8 a.m., Saturday. The fee is \$30 if registered before Saturday. After Saturday, the fee is \$40. No race-day registrations will be permitted. Participants can register at www.bearfootsports.com.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Blue Angel Marathon weekend events



Courtesy photo

A runner participates in last years Blue Angel Marathon. This year's marathon will be held Feb. 20.

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NAS PENSACOLA, Fla. — Naval Air Station Pensacola, the Cradle of Naval Aviation, will host the 20th Annual Blue Angel Marathon Feb. 22. Race weekend activities begin Feb. 20 with a three day Sports Exposition, featuring many of the premier manufactures in running gear, sports apparel and supplies. The expo will be open to the public beginning at 8 a.m. and is located at the NAS main-side Gym, Building 632 and continue through race day.

On Feb. 21, a pasta dinner will be held at Mustin Beach Officers' Club, from 6 to 8 p.m. The dinner is \$8 and will include entertainment and door prizes. The public is invited to attend.

Race day activities on February 22nd include the Blue Angel Marathon and Half Marathon with a start time of 7 a.m. Followed by the popular 5K run which starts at 8 a.m. For car enthusiast's there will be a car exhibition featuring classics, customs, and rods with judging and prizes from 9 to 2 pm. There will also be a children's area featuring a moonwalk, climbing wall and other events. A post race party is planned at the Ramada Inn North Highway 29 at 4 p.m.

The marathon serves as a qualifier for the 2004 Boston Marathon and is the Navy's

"official marathon." The marathon is open to all military and civilian individuals and teams. The course is 26.2 miles of flat to rolling terrain, clearly marked with aid stations every two miles and winds through the Naval Air Station and the historic city of Pensacola. The race is sanctioned and certified by the United States of America Track and Field Association and recognized by Road Runners of America.

All entrants receive a race packet with an official T-shirt, poster, mug and memorabilia. Medals are given to all marathon finishers, with awards and prizes to overall and age group winners. Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K awards will be presented to Overall Male & Female, Masters Male & Female, Grandmasters Male & Female and Wheelchair Male & Female. Marathon winners will be awarded five deep in each age category. Half Marathon and 5K winners will be awarded three deep in each age category.

Application forms are available at many of the local sports retailers in the area or for 24-hour on-line registration, visit: www.signmeup.sports.com. To download an application, go to: www.mwr-pcola.navy.mil.

For more information, contact NAS Pensacola, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department at (850) 452-3806, ext 340/315/316.

Tae kwon do: a shared tradition

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11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Traditions are part of all cultures and sometimes countries share these traditions.

Tae kwon do, characterized by its fast, high and spinning kicks, is one of these traditions.

A tae kwon do class began Tuesday at Dragon Palace. The class is instructed by Republic of Korea Sgt. Taehyi Kang.

All skill levels are welcome. Students will be tested every Saturday to advance to the next level.

"In tae kwon do, tae means foot, kwon means fist and do means the way of the mind. Tae kwon do is practicing your kick, practicing your punch and practicing discipline of your mind," said Kang through an interpreter.

"The purpose of tae kwon do is not to kill each other. It's not a sport. When you are in danger, it is used to defend yourself and to save others in danger," Kang added.

Tae kwon do may be self-defense training, but it is not considered risky.

"It is not dangerous; it is used to prevent dangerous situations," said Kang.

According to Kang, the only injuries that may be caused are muscle injuries.

"Tae kwon do uses muscles rarely used in other activities, so it is common in the beginning to have muscle aches, but with practice, flexibility increases and eliminates these pains," said Kang.

The class was organized for three reasons according to Kang.

"Tae kwon do is the traditional martial art of Korea and we wanted to inform U.S. and Coalition troops about it. We also wanted to improve the physical training of the forces in Bagram and the teamwork of the countries," said Kang.

According to Kang, tae kwon do is good for physical training in men and a good weight program for women.

"I do tae kwon do for the exercise



Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Sgt. Yvonne Jarmoc, noncommissioned officer in charge, base operations logistics, performs a kick in her ability group. Jarmoc has studied Tae Kwon Do for two years.

and because I like the way it looks," said Sgt. Yvonne Jarmoc, noncommissioned officer in charge, logistics, base operations.

Jarmoc has been training in tae kwon do for two years. "With tae

kwon do you can learn speed, flexibility and improve your reaction time. You can also learn how to control your mind," said Kang.

Kang was satisfied with the first class. He is thankful there are peo-

ple interested in tae kwon do. "We are looking forward to many people coming to the class and practicing hard," said Kang. "I will teach hard and try to make this a good class."

Marne Scoreboard

Basketball

Youth Services Basketball Standings

8-10 Mite Boys Orange Division		
Team	W	L
Pacers*	10	0
Bulls	6	4
Suns	4	6
Celtics	3	7
*Pacers win league championship in play-off vs. Lakers		
Orange Division		
Lakers	8	2
YMCA	6	4
Kings	3	7
Heat	0	10

11-12 Midget Boys	
Warriors	9 1
Nets	8 2
Bucks	5 5
Nuggets	4 6
Pistons	4 6
YMCA	0 10
13-14 Junior Boys	
Spurs	6 4
Magic	5 5
TWolves	4 6
15-18 Senior/Major	
Magic	7 1
Bulls	6 2
Hawks	3 5
Grizzlies	3 5

Lakers	1 7
8-10 Mite Girls	
Sparks	7 2
Mystics	6 3
Liberty	5 4
YMCA	0 9
11-14 Midget Girls	
Miracle	7 3
Rockets	5 5
Mercury	3 7
Volleyball	
Volleyball sign-up/clinic	
Team rosters must be submitted by March 10 for the upcoming volleyball season for soldiers, family members, National Guard and Reserves to the Fort Stewart Sports Director's Office, Building	

Aerobics	
Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule	
Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.	Wednesdays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping	Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking	Low Impact
Buns/Thighs Weights	Jump Rope
AB Work Stretch	Weights
	AB Work Stretch
Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.	
Fun Fridays	Party Dance
	Yoge Stretches

Volunteer Spotlight



Mimie Martinez

Mimie Martinez, a native of Panama, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers in the pharmacy. “Volunteering feels like I have a job but on my time,” Martinez said. “Plus, it is a good service that I can provide to the country and the people.” Her interests include gardening and computers. Martinez has two children, 11-year-old Jose and 17-year-old Luis. If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Feb. 6-12



Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13)

Starring: Elijah Wood, Sean Astin
Tonight at 7 p.m.
The second in the Tolkien trilogy. Frodo the hobbit braves terrible dangers in an attempt to have the evil ring destroyed.
Run time: 179 minutes

Catch Me If You Can (PG-13)

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks
Friday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.
Frank lived a life of crime using his abilities of forgery and escape. FBI agent Shayne respected his abilities so much that he eventually worked out the deal that got him out of prison after just five years.
Run time: 140 minutes

Antwone Fischer (PG-13)

Starring: Derek Luke, Denzel Washington
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Antwone is ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to learn to control the anger impulses that cause him to fight with shipmates. His therapy inspires him to seek out the family that abandoned him as a child.
Run time: 113 minutes

Saturday at 7 p.m. FREE Showing on Saturday PINOCCHIO



(G) Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi
Pinocchio the wooden puppet has come to life and wants to become a real boy. Despite guidance from the Blue fairy and the love of his father Gepetto, his curious spirit leads him into one wild adventure after another.
Run time: 100 minutes

Birth announcements

January 26
Kaitlyn Ann Schlimm, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Adam Lee Schlimm and Pfc. Mindi Ann Schlimm.

January 27
Jacob Aaron Reiley Childress, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Jacob L. Childress and Jessica R. Childress.
Hannah Neally Mahaffey, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Capt. Christopher Mahaffey and Tanya Mahaffey.
Kelton Michael Pittinger, a boy, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Richard Pittinger and Ashley Pittinger.

January 28
Jake Christian Johnson, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Capt. Mark C. Johnson and Becky Johnson.
Amiah Shanyce Osborne, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Cedric J. Osborne and Spc. Natonya Osborne.

Lauren Marie Roush, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Brandon C. Roush and Sherry Roush.

January 29
Asia Mari Jensen, a girl, 8 pounds, born to Staff Sgt. James M. Jensen and Teresa I. Jensen.
Isabelle Marie Keel, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Mark R. Keel, and Maria M. Keel.
Robyn Collier Manning, a boy, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Russell Walter Manning and Spc. Rebecca Rose Manning.
Nolan Frazer Yurek, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason M. Yurek and Shannon F.Yurek.

January 30
Paige Francine Dellinger, a girl, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Paul Dellinger and Joan Dellinger.

Kassandra Esmeralda Herrera, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Luis A. Herrera and Lucila M. Herrera.
Toni Alexis Pecorale, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Anthony Thomas Pecorale and Kendra Raye Pecorale.
Caton Lucas Snyder, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. David Snyder and Lynnette Snyder.

January 31
Joy Elizabeth Cook, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kenneth Cook and Darlene Cook.
Anthony Elishah Garcia, a boy, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Alex Garcia and Spc. LaTosha Garcia.
Jayden Terrell Williams, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Patrick Williams and Shameka Williams.

February 1
Jade Lin Boal, a boy, 7 pounds, 9

ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Jack C. Boal and Sgt. Lay B. Boal.
Lutitia Marie Faith Hornsby, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Maj. Robert Anderson Hornsby and Marne Hornsby.
Colin Patrick Jacobson, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Capt. Brian Patrick Jacobson and Kelly Marie Jacobson.
Anthony Micheal James, a boy, 5 pounds, and Alexis Marie James, a girl, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Jeffrey James and Kristine James.
Kathryn Elle Shellhorn, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Airman 1st Class Jared Shellhorn and Jennifer Shellhorn.
Cheyenne Elizabeth Lee Stewart, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Eugene Stewart and Krishawna Stewart.

February 2
Percy George Brown IV, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Percy George Brown III and Anita Brown.